

For this assignment you will write five personal narratives. This is a lengthy project and I expect nothing but your best work. For each essay you should focus on a particular life journey...something important that has happened in your life and a clear explanation of how you were changed by that event.

REQUIREMENTS:

***CREATIVE COVER**

Include one photo of you during any year of your life along with a title and other creative elements.

***FIVE PERSONAL NARRATIVES**

Minimum 1-page, maximum 2-pages; typed, single-spaced, 12-point font, Times New Roman.

***FIVE SCRAPBOOK PAGES**

Include pictures, textures, colors, artwork, artifacts, etc.

WHILE WRITING A PERSONAL NARRATIVE YOU NEED:

***STRONG AND INTERESTING OPENING**

Get your reader's attention right away!

***DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS IN A LOGICAL ORDER**

Utilize an intentional approach: chronological, flashback, stream of consciousness, etc. Include enough background information so your audience understands the information.

***SENSORY DETAILS TO BRING YOUR WRITING TO LIFE**

Use adjectives, description, and specific details to create a visual for your reader!

***CLEAR DESCRIPTION OF IMPACT OR CHANGE**

This is a really important part – the climax or profound revelation in your story. Each essay should include this essential element.

***CORRECT CONVENTIONS IN BOTH WRITTEN AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

Employ correct grammar and conventions. Proofread meticulously. Take pride in your final product.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday, September 27th – First personal narrative due

Thursday, September 29th – Second personal narrative due

Monday, October 3rd – Third personal narrative due

Friday, October 7th – Fourth personal narrative due

Tuesday, October 11th – Fifth personal narrative due

Monday, October 17th – Final Personal Odyssey Due

IMPORTANT NOTES

You are to create a project that details and portrays your life's odyssey so far. I suggest a scrapbook or notebook project as this assignment requires color, writing/essays/text, pictures, images, shape, textures, design, symbols, articles, poetry/lyrics, drawings, stickers, collages, photo montages... etc. This is merely a starting point, however; utilize what format you would like as long as you adhere to the requirements stipulated above.

Use your imagination; strive for originality. You can obtain ideas at scrapbooking or craft stores, but you are by no means limited to this format. You are to make this project aesthetically/artistically pleasing to the eye and riveting for the reader.

DAZZLE US WITH YOUR CREATIVITY!!!

Because I am going to let you have your Personal Odyssey Writing Project back to have as a keepsake that you can continue as your life's odyssey keeps unfolding, please bring copies of each of the narratives for placement in your writing folder.

WHAT TO INCLUDE:

You are to write a minimum of one page on 5 of the following prompts... Each essay should be an entity unto itself; it should be able to stand alone as an account of a journey resulting in impact or change in your life.

- 1) The odyssey of your birth
- 2) Your musical odyssey
- 3) Your childhood odyssey- the early years
- 4) Turning points
- 5) Moments of epiphany
- 6) Your education odyssey- as a student and reader
- 7) Your family odyssey- traditions, family members, family lore, family vacations, interesting and unusual family members
- 8) Your friendship odyssey
- 9) Your proud moments, achievements, victories, and awards
- 10) Special/favorite characters and people in your life- heroes, role models, fictional characters
- 11) Your sports, interests, hobbies, and passions
- 12) Your future careers odyssey
- 13) Your spiritual journey
- 14) Your maxims, values, and philosophy
- 15) Your travel odyssey
- 16) Your hopes, goals, and dreams
- 17) Your odyssey for your wellness/well-being... physically, emotionally, mentally etc.
- 18) Your creative/artistic side...include samples of your poetry, photography, artwork etc.
- 19) Your adventurous side
- 20) The odyssey of your fears and anxiety
- 21) Personality traits and flaws
- 22) Anything else you think should be included...check with me